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**EMBASSY/CATINE/CATHERINE**  
 Alias ACKERMANN Visit to the United States

Reference: EOMA-34899, 8 December 1964

1. We are not in favor of a separate preliminary briefing for Alias ACKERMANN on ~~HEADLOCK~~ problems. A discussion of policy and managerial problems would only be meaningful following detailed technical discussions. In this connection please note paragraph 6 (c) of the Attachment to EOMA-44, 22 November 1964. Therefore, Headquarters strongly favors proceeding as already planned; i.e., with detailed technical discussions with representatives of CATINE and CAVATA. To begin the attack on any other basis would be to do so in a vacuum.
2. Headquarters is equally negative on briefing Alias ACKERMANN on the policies and mechanics of our operational control mechanism. As Reference points out, this kind of DO is only a formalization of good common sense. Alias ACKERMANN undoubtedly is very aware of the shortcomings of his organization in this respect, and most likely has a fairly clear idea of what should be done. His problem, we feel, is to obtain the support of his superiors including GRILLIT in enacting the necessary innovations. Finally, such a briefing would be poor security practice on our part.
3. To summarize, a trip to Headquarters by Alias ACKERMANN would serve no useful purpose either to CATINE or to EMBASSY, and would not be to the best advantage of the U. S. Government. Headquarters is inclined to apply to liaison exchange and visits.
4. We are confident HIC will devise a way to present our negative response to Alias ACKERMANN without incurring any ill will.

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